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1. Due to the demands of the Soviet Government, the Bulgarian Government has prepared a new decree concerning the defense of State and Service secrets. This decree, elaborated by the Ministry of Justice, in reality is the result of various Soviet orders. The initial author of the decree was Veselin M. Markov, inspector general of the Militia in the General Directorate of the State Security.
2. The decree has not been published yet and is very secret. It has the following aims:
  - a. The safeguarding of information on the different State organizations.
  - b. The forbidding of the use or dissemination of certain information which would endanger the state security.
  - c. The forbidding of communication with the enemies of the republic.
3. The decree defines "State secrets" as all information, documents, et cetera, which from the viewpoint of defense, security, and the economic or political interests of the Bulgarian People's Republic or the satellite countries, can be communicated to no one.
4. The decree interprets the words "news, information" as all written or verbal information covering a subject even slightly; by the word "documents", the decree means all writing, type-written letters, printed material, lithographic material, even extracts, envelopes, writing on walls, on any subject. In the category "document" are included all notes and invitations, meeting programs or public celebrations, doctors' prescriptions, restaurant menus. Under the term "other things" are included things such as photographic film, plans, sketches, maps, articles on Bulgarian production and raw materials.
5. The decree forbids not only the communication of "State secrets" to foreigners but as well to Bulgarian citizens who do not have the right to know such things. This law applies as well to the members of the family - beginning with the wife. The communication of information which is considered as a state secret by an official to his family is considered as a crime against the state.

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6. The official in charge of an office does not have the right to decide which information is secret. He does not have the right to speak to anyone on subjects touching Bulgarian political economy, or financial or military questions, or to criticize government orders - (the same rule covers all the satellite states). The right to classify information belongs only to those people who are specifically responsible.
7. The decree punishes severely not only the communication of information of documents or other things, but also the gathering and of keeping information, even showing an interest in gathering information or of keeping informed (no person has the right to keep documents at his home, service papers, copies, protocols, notes, notices, specifications; even to keep information on the personnel of the service which he controls is forbidden the citizen). The decree punishes not only voluntary activity but also involuntary activity.
8. Voluntary activity or voluntary collaboration of the above nature is punished with 25 years at hard labor. Exenuating circumstances could reduce this punishment. Different degrees of punishment are mentioned for the accused and their families, going as high as life imprisonment.
9. This decree is directed against State employees as well as against all private citizens; it covers the entire Bulgarian population.
10. This decree mentions "Service Secrets" a term which has never before been used in Bulgarian legislation. These are documents, and other types of information which are in themselves harmless and which could formerly be given to a person not in the service.
11. The Soviet insistence that this decree be published can be explained by the extremely grave strategic situation of Bulgaria 50X1-HUM

Several changes in the main posts of the State Security and in the Army have not produced the desired results and the Soviets have decided to install a legalized regime of terror.

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